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East Germany

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Soviet Troop Trains and KVP Trains

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19 June 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 6 May 1953, 18 empty RRY-type transitworthy flatcars were sidetracked at Berlin-Koepenick, and 48 empty 50-ton heavy-duty flatcars and 16 80-ton heavy duty flatcars at the Berlin east freight station. All non-transitworthy flatcars with sideracks and SSY-type flatcars allegedly were sidetracked at Wusternark.
2. Military shipments listed in railroad records between 13 and 21 May included:

Date in May	Shipment	From	To
13	3 boxcars with soldiers and 2 siderack flatcars with signal equipment	Drewitz	Herzfelde
	6 boxcars with VP personnel and 5 siderack flatcars with trucks	undetermined	Potsdam
17	30 boxcars with ammunition	Altengrabow	Finow
18	8 boxcars with troops and 17 siderack flatcars with artillery pieces	Brandenburg-Altstadt	Altengrabow
21	8 boxcars with soldiers and 19 flatcars with military goods and tanks:	Frankfurt/Oder	Kirchmoeser

3. On 15 May, a VP train of 1 boxcar and 3 siderack flatcars carrying 2 x 57-mm AT guns each was observed en route from Schwerin to Eggesin. 4

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4. Military shipments included:

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<u>Date in May</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
28	33 boxcars, 23 flatcars and 4 tank cars	Brandenburg- Altstadt	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
	50 boxcars and 2 flatcars	Wustermark	Brandenburg Altes Lager
	35 boxcars and 18 flatcars with VP personnel	Torgau	Wildpark
	13 boxcars with VP personnel	Halle railroad district	Wildpark
30	26 boxcars, 14 flatcars and 4 tank cars	Brandenburg- Altstadt	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
	5 converted boxcars and 9 flatcars	Haldensleben	Wildpark
31	39 boxcars, 5 gondola cars and 14 flatcars	Wustermark	Brandenburg- Altes Lager
	34 tank cars with gasoline	Boehlen	Velten
	14 boxcars and 40 flatcars	Dallgow	Forst Zinna

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No military shipments were observed on 27 and 29 May and on 1 June.

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5. Troop trains

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<u>Date in May</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
28	50 boxcars and 2 flatcars	768	Wustermark	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
	50 boxcars and 2 flatcars	768	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Brandenburg- Altstadt
	33 boxcars, 23 flatcars and 6 tank cars	909	Brandenburg- Altstadt	Jueterbog- Altes Lager
30	6 boxcars and 10 flatcars	570	Haldensleben	Wildpark

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27 boxcars, 748 Brandenburg- Jueterbog-
 14 flatcars and Altstadt Altes Lager
 4 tank cars

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- 25X1 1. Comment. Probably a troop train carrying a small signal detail of the GOFG which was transferred to Ruedersdorf. See also the transfer of a medium AAA regiment of the 2nd Gds AAA Div from Rehagen to recently constructed barracks installations at Altruadersdorf in late April and early May 1953.

- 25X1 2. Comment. in mid-April 1953, the bulk of the VP cadre unit of Torgau was transferred to quarters on Stalin Allee, Potsdam, and that tank and artillery elements of the unit were to follow later. It is believed that the VP trains to Potsdam and Wildpark carried rear elements of the VP cadre unit from Torgau.

- 25X1 3. Comment. The troop train carried a battery of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig (US) which, according to a previous report, moved to Altengrabow for firing practices and returned to Brandenburg on 23 May 1953.

- 25X1 4. Comment. The VP At unit probably moved to the Jaegerbrueck troop training grounds near Eggesin for a short-term firing practice with live ammunition.

- 25X1 5. Comment. A continuation of the transfer shipments of ground units of an unidentified ground attack regiment from Doeberitz to Brandenburg, and an unidentified fighter regiment from Brandenburg to Jueterbog.

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- 25X1 6. Comment. The troop train carried artillery units of the 1st Mecz Div to the Jueterbog troop training grounds for combat firing practices.

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